

Committee Meetings

USDA'S PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING DAIRY REFORMS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry held a hearing to review the USDA's progress in implementing the dairy reforms in the Foreign Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996. Testimony was heard from Lon Hatamiya, Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT STUDY OF CASH SURPLUSES

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Held a hearing on the Department of the Treasury Study of Cash Surpluses at the San Antonio Branch of the Dallas Federal Reserve Bank. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: James Johnson, Assistant Secretary, Enforcement; Stanley Morris, Director, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network; and Edward Federico, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, IRS; Jonathan Wiener, Deputy Assistant Secretary, International Narcotics and Law Enforcement, Department of State; and public witnesses.

CONCURRENT BUDGET RESOLUTION

Committee on the Budget: Began markup of the Fiscal Year 1998 Concurrent Budget Resolution.

Will continue tomorrow.

REVIEW OF EPA'S OZONE AND PARTICULATE MATTER NAAQS REVISIONS

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment and Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations continued joint hearings on Review of EPA's Proposed Ozone and Particulate Matter NAAQS Revisions. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the EPA: Carol M. Browner, Administrator; Mary D. Nichols, Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation; and Jonathan Z. Cannon, General Counsel.

OVERSIGHT—JUDICIAL MISCONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing on Judicial Misconduct and Discipline. Testimony was heard from Representatives Barr of Georgia, DeLay, Hostettler and Lowey; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL MISSILE DEFENSE

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Research and Development and the Subcommittee on Military Procurement held a joint hearing on National Missile Defense. Testimony was heard from

the following officials of the Department of Defense: Paul Kaminski, Under Secretary (Acquisition and Technology); and Lt. Gen. Lester L. Lyles, USAF, Director, Ballistic Missile Defense Organization.

MIGRATORY BIRD TREATY REFORM ACT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on H.R. 741, Migratory Bird Treaty Reform Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Senator Breaux; Representative Stearns; Robert Streeter, Assistant Director, Refuges and Wildlife, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Brent Manning, Director, Department of Natural Resources, State of Illinois; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held an oversight hearing on Bureau of Land Management Law Enforcement Authorities. Testimony was heard from Sylvia Baca, Acting Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING, AND LITERACY ENHANCEMENT ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted by voice vote an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 1385, Employment, Training, and Literacy Enhancement Act of 1997. The rule makes in order the Committee on Education and the Workforce amendment in the nature of a substitute as an original bill for amendment purposes, which shall be considered by division rather than by section and each division shall be considered as read. The rule waives clause 5(a) of rule XXI (appropriating on a legislative bill) against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

The rule provides for the consideration of the amendment numbered 1 printed in the Congressional Record if offered by Representative McKeon or his designee, which is considered as read, not subject to amendment or to a division of the question, and is debatable for 10 minutes equally divided between the proponent and an opponent. If adopted, the amendment is considered as part of the base text for further amendment purposes. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Goodling and Representatives McKeon, Kildee and Clay.

“DOES OPIC HELP SMALL BUSINESS EXPORTERS?”

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Tax, Finance, and Exports held a hearing on “Does OPIC Help Small Business Exporters?” Testimony was heard from Mildred O. Callear, Acting President and CEO, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency; and public witnesses.

ONE YEAR AFTER VALUJET CRASH

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on One Year After ValuJet Crash—FAA Response to Hazmat and Cargo Fire Protection Issues. Testimony was heard from Barry Valentine, Acting Administrator, FAA, Department of Transportation; James E. Hall, Chairman, National Transportation Board; and public witnesses.

INNOVATIVE FINANCING—ACQUIRING FEDERAL REAL ESTATE

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development held a hearing on Innovative Financing for Acquiring Federal Real Estate and Scoring Issues. Testimony was heard from Representative Blumenauer; Robert A. Peck, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, GSA; Herbert M. Franklin, Executive Officer, Architect of the Capitol; and public witnesses.

VETERANS LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health approved for full Committee action the following: H.R. 1362, amended, Veterans Medicare Reimbursement Demonstration Act of 1997; and a measure on physician's special pay.

OVERSIGHT—U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held an oversight hearing on U.S. Customs Service. Testimony was heard from George Weise, Commissioner, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury; Norman J. Rabkin, Director, Administration of Justice Issues, General Government Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—NORTH KOREA

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on North Korea. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

COLUMBIA BASIN PLAN

Joint Hearings: Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources' Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on Resources' Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health to review proposed environmental impact statements, and a related alternative, relating to the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project, initiated by the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management to respond to forest and rangeland ecosystem health, after receiving testimony from Senator Kempthorne; Representative Nethercutt; and Bob Williams, Regional Forester, Pacific Northwest Region, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, on behalf of the Executive Steering Committee of the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST p. D422)

H.R. 1001, to extend the term of appointment of certain members of the Prospective Payment Assessment Commission and the Physician Payment Review Commission. Signed May 14, 1997. (P.L. 105-13)

S. 305, to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Francis Albert “Frank” Sinatra in recognition of his outstanding and enduring contributions through his entertainment career and humanitarian activities. Signed May 14, 1997. (P.L. 105-14)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 16, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, to hold hearings to examine adult education programs, 10 a.m., SD-430.

House

Committee on the Budget, to continue markup of the Fiscal Year 1998 Concurrent Budget Resolution, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, to consider the following bills: H.R. 1057, to designate the building in Indianapolis, IN, which houses the operations of the Circle City Station Post Office as the “Andrew Jacobs, Jr. Post Office Building”; H.R. 1058, to designate the facility of the U.S. Postal Service under construction at 150 West Margaret Drive in Terre Haute, IN, as the “John T. Myers Post Office Building”; and H.R. 956,